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PART I.

IMPORTANT GOVERNMENT ORDERS.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Fruit Culture.

OFFICIAL MEMORANDUM.

No. D. 4515-24—E. C. 21-29-1, DATED 7TH NOVEMBER 1929.

Much useful work could be done in the way of encouraging people to grow fruit trees in the yards of their houses, both in towns and villages.

The District Economic Superintendents are requested to take up this activity and pursue it in a steady and systematic manner. In places like Bangalore and Mysore, fruit plants suited to the locality, such as Papayas, Guavas, Loquots, Figs, Pomegranates, Sapodilla, Vine and Lime, are easily available, and what is required is that the Economic Superintendents should get at people, who have available space for planting and supply the requisite plants.

There are nurseries in some Districts, and these should be developed so as to render available a large supply of plants for distribution throughout the District. The local bodies may be interested in this activity and their co-operation secured to the fullest extent possible. Where nurseries do not exist already, the District Economic Superintendents should exert themselves to start nurseries, or get the plants from the Lal-Bagh where a large number of plants of the kinds mentioned above are available. The Superintendent will supply them free, only cost of transport being borne by the District Economic Superintendents. They may also adopt other means of securing local supplies of fruit plants for the benefit of people who can be induced to adopt growing fruit trees in their yards as a supplemental source of food or income.

The plants should be selected with special reference to the requirements and natural facilities of each locality.

The District Economic Superintendents are requested to submit a programme of the work they intend doing in this direction, and to devote a special paragraph in their future monthly reports, to the action they have taken and results they have achieved.

By Order,

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.

Economic Lecturer.

ORDER NO. D. 4569-73—E. C. 23-29-1, DATED 8TH NOVEMBER 1929.

It has been suggested that rural development would be expedited and given a proper orientation if competent men could be secured to carry on systematic propaganda by means of lectures, readings and cinema shows. Government are of opinion that this suggestion is deserving of a trial and are pleased to sanction the appointment of Mr. G. B. Raghavendrachar, B.A., now a teacher on Rs. 75 *plus* 20 in the Education Department, on a pay of Rs. 100 *plus* fixed Travelling Allowance of Rs. 40 per mensem for a period of one year as Economic Lecturer for the Bangalore District.

It will be the duty of the lecturer to carry on a propaganda on all aspects of Village Improvement, especially Education, Agriculture, Industries and Commerce, and Sanitation.

The lecturer should, in the first instance, select, in consultation with the Economic Superintendent, and under the orders of the Deputy Commissioner, a number of Panchayet Villages, which may be regarded as typical of the conditions prevailing in the District, and carry on this work in them. He will be expected to camp in these villages for not less than 15 days in the month and to enlist the cordial co-operation of the panchayets and officers connected with the work of rural re-construction. The influence he is able to exercise on village life and the extent of co-operation he is able to secure will be regarded as the measure of his usefulness.

Mr. Raghavendrachar will work under the District Economic Superintendent of Bangalore, and his diary will be submitted to the Secretary, Economic Conference, through the Deputy Commissioner and the Revenue Commissioner. The Secretary to the Economic Conference is requested to place before each session of the Conference and its Standing Committee, a brief report of the work done by the lecturer.

The cost on account of this appointment will be met from the reserve of Rs. 5,731 sanctioned in Government Order No. D. 1725-54—E. C. 6-29-1, dated 14th August 1929.

N. RAMA RAO,
Secretary to Government,
Development Departments.